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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In November 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against registered nursing assistant **Kylea E. Prior** (NA60162776).

Clallam County

In November 2011 the Dental Commission reinstated the registration of dental assistant **Stephani Lynn Cook** (D160201401) and placed it on probation for one year. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Jefferson County

In October 2011 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of registered nurse **Penelope L. Grace** (RN00058797) and placed her license on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

King County

In October 2011 the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program granted the application of **Suprina Louise Ford** (CG60234240) and placed conditions against her registration including placing her on probation for two years. She was convicted of delivery of a controlled substance: cocaine,

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forgery, assault, Violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act: possess with intent to manufacture or deliver cocaine, arson, and theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Ashleigh Futrell** (NC10099613) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In November 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program entered into an agreed order with certified nursing assistant **Yohans A. Getahun** (NC10081132) and placed his certification on probation for two years. He left a patient, who required support 24 hours a day, alone for 90 minutes. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

In November 2011 the Dental Commission entered into an agreed order with dentist **Gary D. Pyfer** (DE00004974) and placed conditions against his license with which he must comply. He failed to provide a patient and Department of Health investigators, with copies of the patient's records.

In October 2011 the Respiratory Care Practitioner Program granted the application of **Kenneth Michael Smith** (LR60211289) and placed his license on probation for two years. The Arizona State Board of Respiratory Care Examiners revoked his license to practice in Arizona. He was also convicted of aggravated driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In November 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Vincent T. Yu** (RN00126638) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly made physical sexual advances toward two patients, including rubbing a patient's foot against his erect penis.

Pierce County

In October 2011 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a notice of intent to issue cease and desist order to **Barry Bakker**. He allegedly practiced as a dentist and/or denturist without having a license to practice either profession in Washington.

In November 2011 the Denturist Program charged **Yvonne Monique Bakker** (DN60041191) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly aided and abetted unlicensed practice by allowing a person who does not hold a credential to perform treatment on a patient.

In October 2011 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of registered nurse **Karla A. Bigley** (RN00165892) and placed conditions against her license with which she must comply.

In October 2011 the Veterinary Board of Governors charged veterinarian **William J. Briskey** (VT00001336) with unprofessional conduct. The care he provided allegedly fell below the standard when treating patients for debarking and ear cropping.

In November 2011 the Dental Commission entered into an agreed order with dentist with general anesthesia permit **Walter F. Foto** (DE00008264, GA10000320) placing conditions against his

license and permit with which he must comply. The care he provided fell below the standard when providing services as an oral surgeon, keeping accurate and complete chart records, and consulting treatment and payment options with patients.

In October 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Krista L. Hill** (RN00141846) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly misrepresented herself as being scheduled to work as an agency nurse at a hospital to get access to the drug supplies.

In November 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Emmanuel L. Lukudu** (NC10071376) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to respond to a Department of Health request for a response to a complaint.

San Juan County

In November 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional trainee **Clinton W. Mills** (CP00006237) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly crossed professional boundaries with a patient, failed to report substance abuse by a patient to the patient's probation officer, and used a diploma from an unaccredited university to obtain payment from the state of Washington for services provided to a client.

Snohomish County

In November 2011 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System Program charged emergency medical technician **William J. Robertson** (ES01175356) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly represented that he was trained and licensed to administer IVs, when he failed to complete the course and was not licensed to do so. On at least two occasions he started or attempted to start IVs without holding a proper credential to do so.

In November 2011 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Jennifer Karen Sargent** (LP00051139) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Spokane County

In November 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Catharine Jessica Farmer** (RN00136035) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Danielle Healy Goudreau** (NC10068429) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took funds from her employer without authorization. She entered into a continuance for the charge of theft.

In October 2011 the Veterinary Board of Governors reinstated the license of veterinarian **Julia A. Leese** (VT00005168).

In October 2011 the Board of Physical Therapy charged physical therapist **Patrick J. Schmidt** (PT00008522) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly engaged in daily and systematic overbilling, upcoding, and billing for services not provided. He was convicted of two counts of attempted criminal liability of persons making false statements or concealing information.

Out of State

Alabama: In November 2011 the Nursing Commission amended the statement of charges against registered nurse **Brandon L. Bailey** (RN00176831). He was convicted of wrongfully possessing and using controlled substances. His credential to practice as a registered nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia was suspended.

Idaho: In October 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Carrie Ann Burris** (CO60242019) and placed her certification on probation for two years. She was convicted of conspiracy to violate 21 U.S.C Sec 952(a), and 21 U.S.C. Sec. 960 (a)(1), federal law relating to controlled substances. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Michigan: In October 2011 the Board of Physical Therapy granted the application of physical therapist **Laura Ruth Fisher** (PT60208969) and placed conditions against her license with which she must follow. She was convicted of deadly conduct, driving while intoxicated, and leaving scene of motor vehicle accident.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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